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1. It now appears that East German authorities are reluctant to deliver any exports whatsoever. This is particularly true of textiles, which, even when contracted for, have not been delivered. The reason given is that the East German textile industry must produce solely for the military.
2. There is distinct evidence that the East German Government is prepared to accept under barter terms only rails and war materials. It is not certain that the East German authorities are prepared to give anything in return, even for strategic materials such as these.
3. An inquiry was made late in 1952 regarding the availability of ammonium sulphate, which was offered for export earlier in the year. It produced the response that the export of such a commodity was out of the question.
4. The Ministry of Foreign Trade is reported to have explained its reversal of policy, in this and other respects, by stating simply that earlier delivery arrangements have been changed because of the present situation.

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